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San Francisco, California (Marina and Fine Art's Pool, Laurel Hill, Lincoln Park, Sutro Heights, Seal-rocks and Ocean Beach, Golden Gate Park, Lake Merced, Bay View Park and Hunter's Point). Ocean beach 10 per cent, bay shore (with salt marsh and mud flats) 10 per cent, park 60 per cent, fresh water pond and marsh 10 per cent, open fields 5 per cent, chapparal 5 per cent. Dec. 17, sunny, but partially overcast at times; temp. 45°-60°; wind SE. 5-9 m. p. h. cool; observers 24, in 7 parties; total hours, 51½ (49 on foot, 2½ by car); total miles 51. (43 on foot, 8 by car).

Pacific Loon 5; Red-throated Loon 1; Holboell's Grebe 1; Eared Grebe 8; Western Grebe 56; Pied-billed Grebe 20; Brown Pelican 17; Double-crested Cormorant 18; Brandt's Cormorant 27; Great Blue Heron 1; American Egret 2; Hutchins' Goose 3; Mallard 773; Baldpate 158; Pintail 11; Shoveller 14; Red-head 3; Ring-necked Duck 83; Canvas-back 182; Scaup 91; American Golden-eye 5; White-winged Scoter 11; Ruddy Duck 95; Red-breasted Merganser 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 3; Red-bellied Hawk 1; Sparrow Hawk 7; California Quail 165; American Coot 429; Black-bellied Plover 6; Surf-bird 11; Black Turnstone 24; Spotted Sandpiper 2; Willet 170; Red-backed Sandpiper 2; Marbled Godwit 9; Sanderling 48; Glaucous-winged Gull 177; Western Gull 248; California Gull 2161 (461 count, 1700 est.); Ring-billed Gull 38; Short-billed Gull 14; Bonaparte's Gull 75; Anna's Hummingbird 59; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-shafted Flicker 18; Downy Woodpecker 2; Black Phoebe 8; California Jay 8; Raven 3; Chestnut-backed Chickadee 52; Bush tit 34; Slender-billed Nuthatch 1; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; Brown Creeper 9; Bewick's Wren 1; Robin 46; Varied Thrush 4; Hermit Thrush 23; Golden-crowned Kinglet 131; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 109; American Pipit 43; California Shrike 4; Hutton's Vireo 5; Audubon's Warbler 152; Townsend's Warbler 50; Yellow-throat 3; English Sparrow 120; Western Meadowlark 3; Brewer's Blackbird 182; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 113; Pine Siskin 3; Green-backed Goldfinch 22; Spotted Towhee 15; Slate-colored Junco 1; Oregon Junco 228; White-crowned Sparrow 458; Golden-crowned Sparrow 61; Fox Sparrow 44; Song Sparrow 59. Total 82 species and sub-species; approximately 7,274 individuals.

R. Anderson, P. Altrocchi, Enid Austin, P. Baukol, Francis Blake, Donald Brock, Mrs. David Bruce, Charles Bryant, Dorothy Chandler, Mary Courtright,

Vee Curtis, Ruth Elwonger, Monica Goen, Jack Heyneman, Junea Kelly, Joan Kirk, Herman V. Leffler, Ivander MacIver, H. McGuchin, Michael Mote, Arthur H. Myer, Mrs. Otis Smith, R. W. Storer, and Lt. Ben E. Coffey, U.S.A.A.C., Memphis, Tenn., visitor.

—Herman V. Leffler, Chairman of Bird Count.

Report of the President for 1944

The Audubon Association of the Pacific has had a good year. Every scheduled meeting and field trip has been held on the announced date. The attendance has been consistently good.

The membership has supported all events and has shown by its presence that they are receiving their desired type of program.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Ethel E. Richardson, Superintendent of Juniors and Miss Clelia A. Paroni, Editor of "The Gull" a series of field trips primarily for Juniors was held.

Announced leaders for our field trips have added to the enjoyment of those attending.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Editor of "The Gull", the leaders of the field trips, those participating in our two census trips, the members of the committees, and the Board of Directors for their help during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur H. Myer, President

January Meeting

The 328th meeting was held January 11, 1945, President Arthur H. Myer presiding.

Miss Frances J. Blake, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted the proposed list of officers for 1945. This was passed upon and the officers nominated for 1945 are:

President	Mr. Arthur H. Myer
Honorary President	Mrs. Joseph Grinnell
First Vice-President	Mr. Walter W. Bradley
Second Vice-President	Mr. Charles A. Bryant
Recording Secretary	Miss Jean Bradford Fay
Corresponding Secretary	Mr. Joseph J. Webb
Treasurer	Miss Ivander MacIver

Directors: Mrs. Otis H. Smith, Mr. Herman V. Leffler, Miss Tillie A. Papina.

President Arthur H. Myer gave his report for the year and announced the following committees for 1945:

Publicity: Miss Clelia A. Paroni, Miss Minnie H. Young, Mrs. D. M. Curtis.

Instruction and Program: Miss Frances J. Blake, Mr. Herman Leffler,
Miss Dorothy Chandler.

Finance and Membership: Miss Ivander MacIver, Mrs. Otis H. Smith,
Dr. Paul Altrocchi.

Research and Records: Mrs. G. Earle Kelly, Mr. Joseph Dixon, Mrs. Harold
C. Austin.

Information and Initiative: Mrs. A. S. Kibbe, Miss Ruth Elwonger,
Miss Tillie A. Papina.

Speakers Committee: Mr. Walter W. Bradley, Mr. Charles A. Bryant,
Mrs. Joseph Grinnell.

Legislation: Mr. Joseph J. Webb, Mr. Charles A. Harwell, Mr. Walter W. Bradley.

Editor: Miss Clelia A. Paroni.

Supt. of Juniors: Mrs. Ethel E. Richards.

Miss MacIver, treasurer, in her report noted the increase in membership. She announced new members Miss Monica Goen and Mr. Phillip J. Baukel, introduced by Mr. Myer, and the resignation of Mrs. John F. Shuman.

Field Observations were given by various members as reported by Mrs. Kelly below.

Mrs. E. C. Stowell, formerly of Santa Barbara, was introduced to the members by Mr. C. A. Harwell.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Charles A. Harwell, here for a few days on his national tour for the National Audubon Society, was introduced by the vice-president, Mr. Walter W. Bradley. Mr. Harwell's colored movies, with examples of the bird songs whistled by him, included birds found in the Bay Region and Sierras as well as the national parks. Mr. Harwell's next collection of colored movies for his "Music of the Out of Doors" will include studies he plans to make on the tour of the Southwest and Eastern states en route to his scheduled lectures in New York and Boston.

—Jean Bradford Fay, Recording Secretary.

Observations

Edited by Junea W. Kelly

Varied Thrush, Oct. 14 and 15, Nov. 26, 1944, El Sobrante, Contra Costa County, Walter W. Bradley.

65 White Pelicans, Municipal Air Port, San Francisco, Dec. 20, 1944. Lt. Ben B. Coffey.

Sizable flocks of White Pelicans, Hunters' Point, San Francisco, Dec. 18 and 26, 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Stearns.

Pipit, Berkeley Aquatic Park, Jan. 7, 1945; 100 Canada Geese, Jan. 1, 1945, San Pablo Dam, Vee K. Curtis.

42 Semi-palmated Plovers, Alameda, Jan. 6, 1945, Angelo Hewetson.

About 100 Canada Geese, flying low near Alta Plaza, San Francisco, Jan. 1, 1945, Miss S. L. Leffler.

White-tailed Kite, near Woodland, Dec. 29, 1944, Lee Talbot.

26 American Pipits, Berkeley Campus, Dec. 29, 1944, Paul Altrocchi.

Mallard Duck with 8 young about three days old, Stow Lake, Golden Gate Park, Jan. 1, 1945, W. Bolander.

One Redhead Duck, One Lesser Canada Goose, Jan. 1, 1945, Palace of Fine Arts Lagoon, San Francisco, J. J. Webb.

One American Egret, 12 Black-crowned Night Herons, Palace of Fine Arts Lagoon, Jan. 1, 1945; One White-tailed Kite, near Napa, Jan. 7, 1945; 2 Canada Geese, Palace of Fine Arts Lagoon, Jan. 8, 1945; Jean B. Fay.

Wilson Snipe, near Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, Nov. 30, 1944, Geo. T. Kilham.

100 Avocets, Alameda, Jan. 7, 1945, Junea W. Kelly.

January Field Trip

Was taken on Sunday the 14th on the Campus of the University of California in Berkeley and up through Strawberry Canyon to the Botanical Gardens. Although the day was fairly warm with a bright sun, the birds were not present in any great numbers and some of the commoner species were entirely absent.

Our party was divided into three groups, Mrs. Kelly leading one group up one side of Strawberry Canyon and Bert Harwell leading his group up the other side to the Botanical Gardens. The writer with a small group covered the Campus. No unusual observations were made by any group.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myer have graciously entertained our group after

the field trip, and this year was no exception. Their hospitality, delicious coffee and cakes always furnish a happy climax to a pleasant day. Our visit this year was especially pleasant for several reasons. We had the pleasure of greeting our honorary president for 1945, Mrs. Joseph Grinnell, who made a brief talk. We renewed acquaintances with several of our members whose membership in our Association dates back many years. Others were present who had been members in previous years. The number of boys present and their interest in learning to know the birds was most encouraging.

Our own inimitable Bert Harwell was master of ceremonies during our visit.

Thirty-five species of birds were noted for the total area covered:

Red-tailed Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Anna Hummingbird, Red-shafted Flicker, California Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Steller's Jay, California Jay, Plain Titmouse, Coast Bush-tit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Wren-tit, Western Robin, Varied Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, California Shrike, Hutton Vireo, Myrtle Warbler, Audubon Warbler, Townsend Warbler, English Sparrow, California Purple Finch, California Linnet, Northern Pine Siskin, Green-backed Goldfinch, Spotted Towhee, Brown Towhee, Oregon Junco, Nuttall Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

Attending the trip: Members—Mr. and Mrs. Kilham, Myer; Mesdames Anabel, Austin, Grinnell, Kelly, Zinke; Misses Blake, Cohen, Fay, Goen, Jamieson, MacIver, Papina, Paroni, Rinehart, Roscoe, Stanton; Messrs. Baukol, Berger, Bryant, Harwell, J. Heyneman, Kwasky, Leffler, McGuckin, Martensen, Mote.

As visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Stearns of the Toledo, Ohio Audubon Society; and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Landels of the San Jose Ornithological Club; also Mrs. Mote, Mrs. B. T. Rocca, Mrs. E. C. Stowell; and Misses Cassidy, Ayer, Violet B. Richardson, Jean Myer, Barbara Myer, Camilla Paroni; and Scouts Jim Carson, Marvin Cohn, Kenneth Hurbert, Robert Horn, Lynn Chapman, Bernard Sinton, and Jerome Friedman. 31 members and 21 guests.

—C. A. Bryant, Historian.

February Field Trip

To be held on the 11th. Party meets at 43rd and Fulton Streets, San Francisco at 10:00 a.m., proceeding thence via Chain of Lakes toward the Ocean and vicinity of Seal Rocks. Leaders to be appointed. Bring lunch and binoculars.

Tentative trips for:

March 11—East Bay Reg. Park.

April 15—Vicinity of Mills College.

Dues for 1945

Dues are now payable for 1945 and all members are asked to remit as soon

as possible to the treasurer. Make checks out to The Audubon Association of the Pacific.

February Meeting

The regular meeting of the Association is to take place at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 1945 in the Assembly Room, San Francisco Public Library, Larkin and McAllister Streets.

There is to be a discussion of the Passerine Group of birds including Sparrows, Finches, Grosbeaks, and Buntings. The discussion will be led by Mr. Charles Bryant and Mr. J. J. Webb. Mr. Walter Bradley will illustrate with bird skins and lantern slides.

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Membership dues, payable January 1st, \$3.00 per year.

Student memberships, \$1.50 per year.

Life memberships, \$50.00.

Members are responsible for dues until written notice of resignation is received by Treasurer.